

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-11, 14, 15, 17-21, 24-27 and 30-32 are pending in this application.

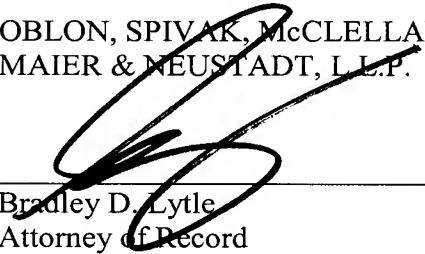
By this amendment, Claims 10, 14, 15, 17, 19-21, 24-27 and 30-32 are amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicants wish to thank Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) Hewitt for the helpful and courteous discussions with the undersigned on, and before, January 12, 2010. Applicants also would like to thank SPE Hewitt for the indication that the amendment presented herein would be entered and would place this application in proper condition for issuance.

The amendments do not affect the disclosure of the specification, nor do they require substantial work on the part of the Patent Office. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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